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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 15/Aug/50

TO :

FROM :

SUBJECT:



Improvement of Service Attache Reporting

I recommend that the attached memo (with memo for the S/D enclosed) be sent to the Director

after [redacted] have checked with the military departments to see if action is required. It may be that steps for improvement are already being taken, and we can adapt our action accordingly.

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We should get concurrence from:

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might be handled
through IAC.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,

SUBJECT: The Quantity and Quality of Reports Received from the Service Attack System.

ENCLOSURES: (1) Memo to the DCI from the AD/ORE, subject, Effect of Reductions in Service Attack System, dated 10 Aug 50;
(2) Memo from the DCI to the Secretary of Defense — for signature.

1. The enclosure transmits an OAS assessment of the effect of reductions in the service attack system. OAS feels that appropriate action should be taken in the attempt to improve service attack reporting.

2. In determining what action to recommend, OAS has been influenced by the following considerations, which appear to be valid:

a. Only the Secretary of Defense can make decisions affecting the service attack system as a whole;

b. We should have better luck in obtaining some improvement if we ask for a necessary minimum;

c. It would not be sufficient to make direct reference to the reductions ordered by the Secretary of Defense;

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appropriate to ask for improvements, because wide consideration is being given to augmenting the budget of the Department of Defense.

3. The memorandum attached for your signature contains CIA recommendations to the Secretary of Defense for the improvement of the service attaché system. It is believed that prior submission of our ideas to the IAC ¹⁵ ~~would cause an unnecessary waste of time~~. Undoubtedly, each of the service intelligence organizations would like to expand its attaché system - probably more so than we feel warranted to recommend. Submission of our ideas to the IAC would cause protracted discussions, and the result would probably have less weight with the Secretary of Defense than would the independent thought of the Director of Central Intelligence. Recommendations from the IAC would appear to be only service suggestions transmitted by you, whereas your own recommendations would come from a source more to be considered objective.

Recommendation

4. It is recommended that you sign the enclosed memorandum to the Secretary of Defense.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT. Recommendations for the Improvement of Service Attache Reporting.

1. This memorandum transmits the results of some nine months observation and assessment of the reports received by this Agency from the service attache system.

2. On the basis of our assessment we find that reporting could be improved by the indicated services for the following countries:

Belgium	-	all services
France	-	all services
Greece	-	Army
Italy	-	all services
Netherlands	-	all services
Philippines	-	Army - Air Force
Spain	-	Army
Sweden	-	Army - Navy
Syria	-	all services
Thailand	-	Navy

3. The deficiencies in military reporting of the above countries are basically quantitative, and it is believed all would disappear with judicious increases in the personnel

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strength of the various attaché offices
affected. All of the countries listed are
of considerable importance to the national
security of the United States. I request, therefore,
that you give consideration to the appropriate
augmentation of the offices concerned.

DCI

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